

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 14 are currently pending in the application.

This amendment is in response to the Office Action of May 18, 2004.

**Double Patenting Rejection Based on U.S. Patent 6,677,671 and in view of Davidson et al.
(U.S. Patent 5,817,986)**

Claims 1 through 14 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 1 of U.S. Patent 6,677,671 and in view of U.S. Patent 5,817,986. In order to avoid further expenses and time delay, Applicants elect to expedite the prosecution of the present application by filing a Terminal Disclaimer to obviate the double patenting rejections in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.321 (b) and (c). Applicants' filing of the Terminal Disclaimer should not be construed as acquiescence of the Examiner's double patenting or obviousness-type double patenting rejection. Attached is the terminal disclaimer and accompanying fee.

Applicants request the allowance of claims 1 through 14 and the case passed for issue.

Respectfully submitted,



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